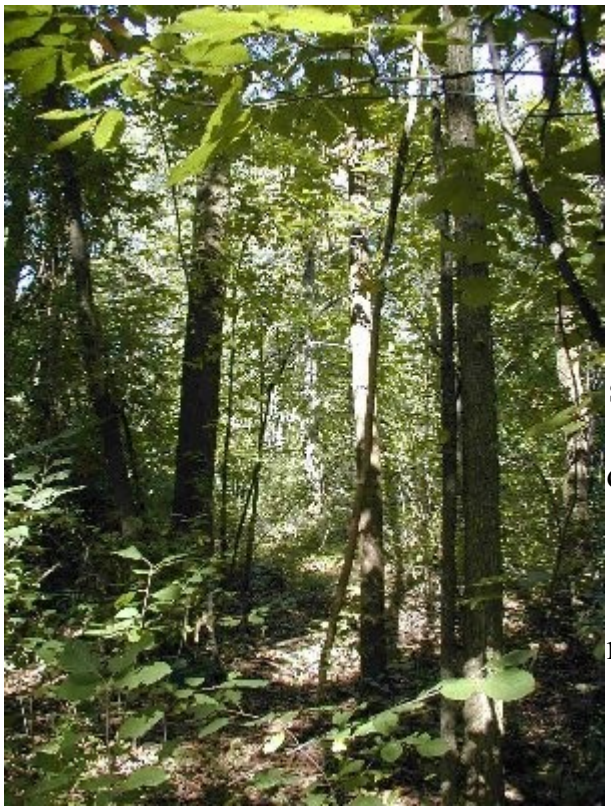

The Wilderness

The Wilderness could be anywhere in Southern Michigan. My foto at left was used for the cover of the Pathways to Freeways book.

The Warren area looked like this several hundred years ago. There were different bio systems. Some areas were heavily forested with groups of trees. Some were broadleaved some firs, some Pine. There were many bushy areas, grassy areas called prairies and some damp areas. There were several creeks and the bigger Red Run. There were no roads only animal trails and a few Indian trails. On another page I have put up Wampler's survey maps from 1817. He notes the Indian trails, the prairies, the damp areas and the kinds of trees they found. To the left would be a well traveled Indian trail. If you go to a wilderness park you can barely spot animal trails if you look closely. There are narrower and often only as wide as the animal using it.

What follows is the Bear Creek wilderness area in Warren now privately owned. But Many of us feel that efforts should be made to secure and preserve this for future generations for use as a nature area. It is the last wilderness area left in Warren with a creek and it is in the center of Warren not far from where our first settlers settled. What a shame if this last wild nature area would be lost to pavement and urban sprawl.

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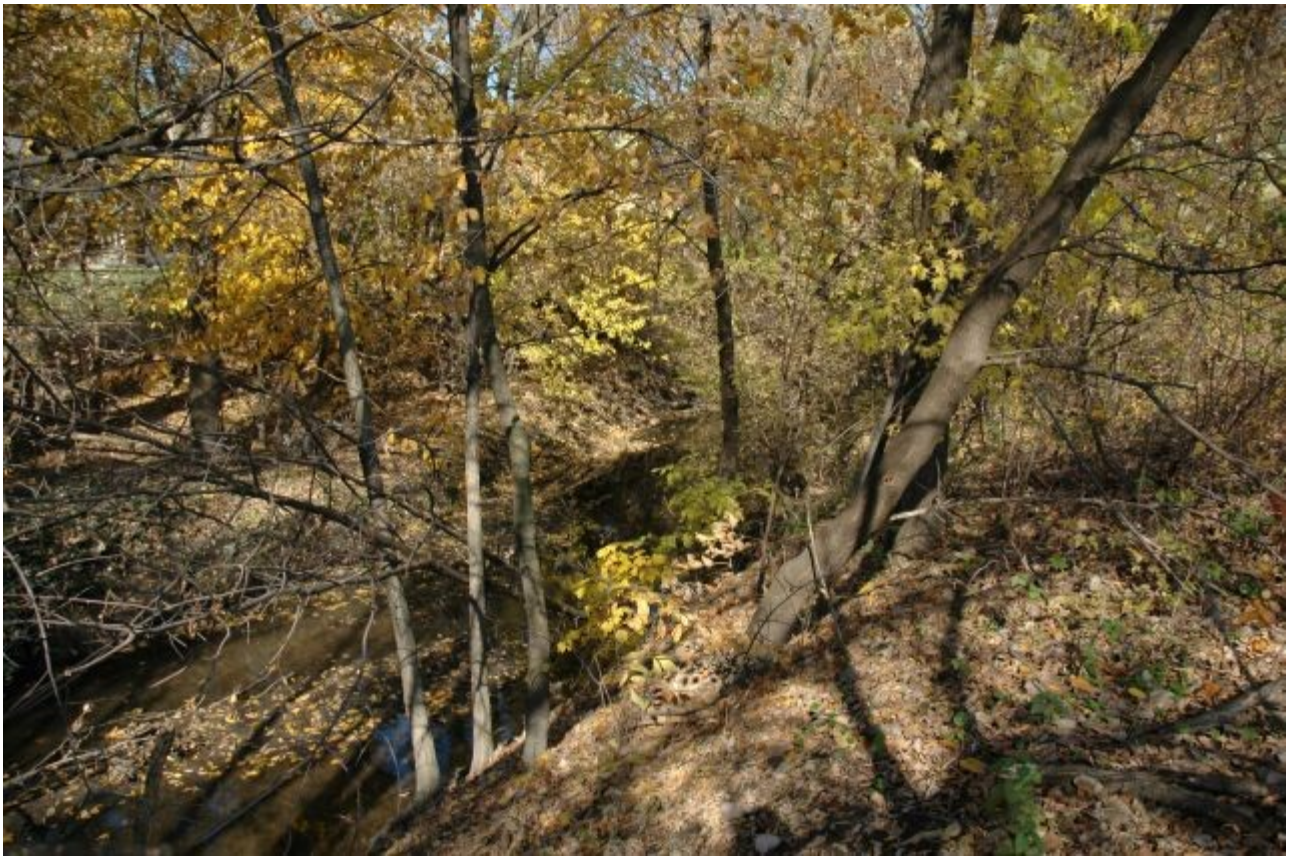

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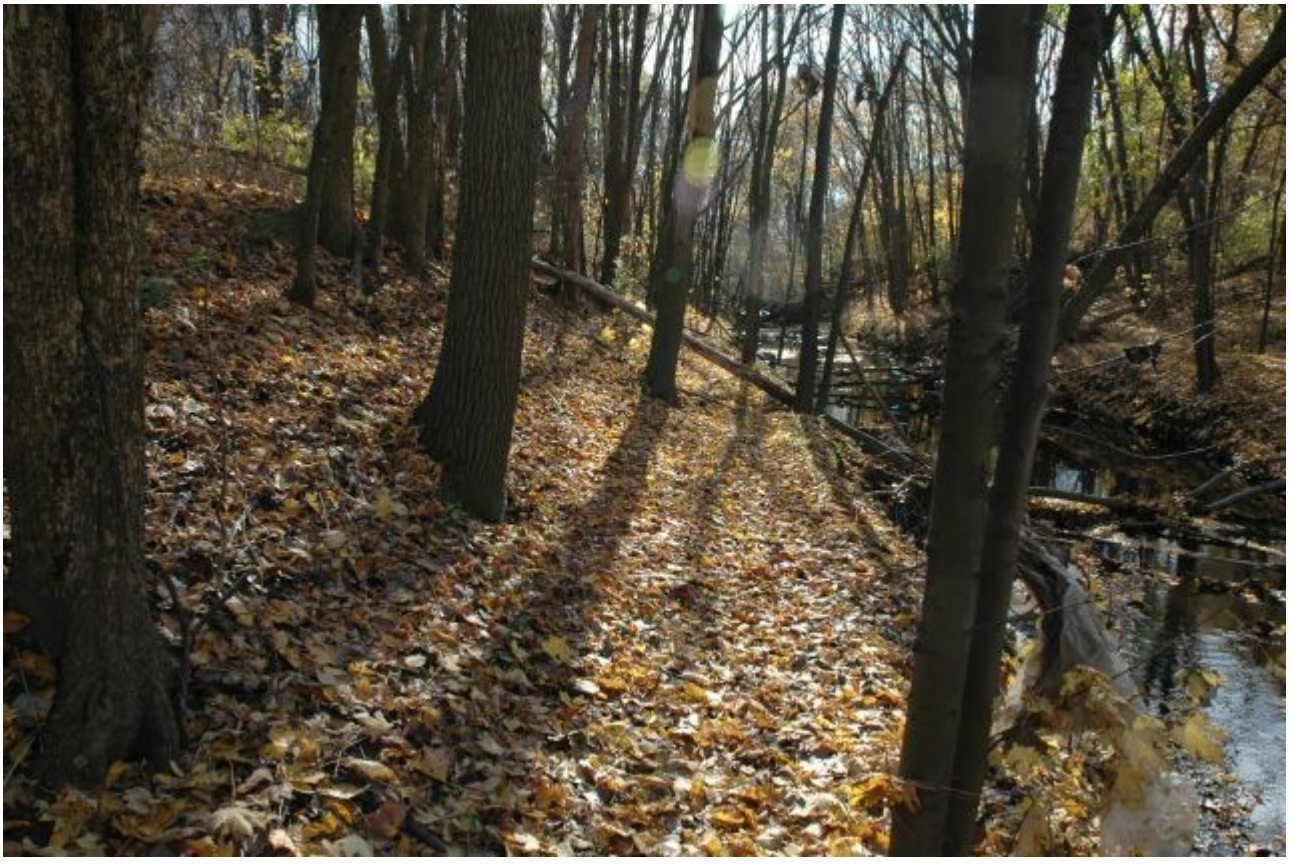

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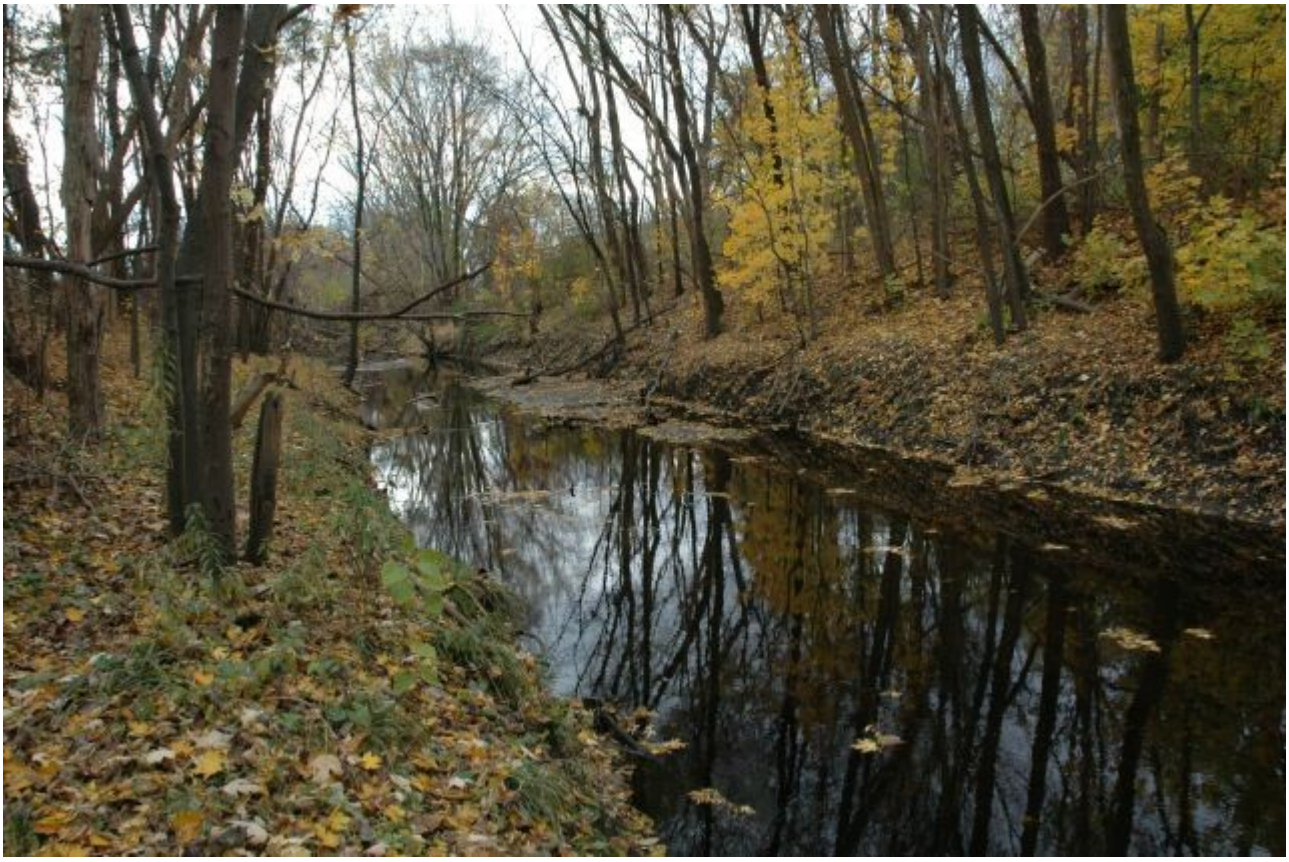

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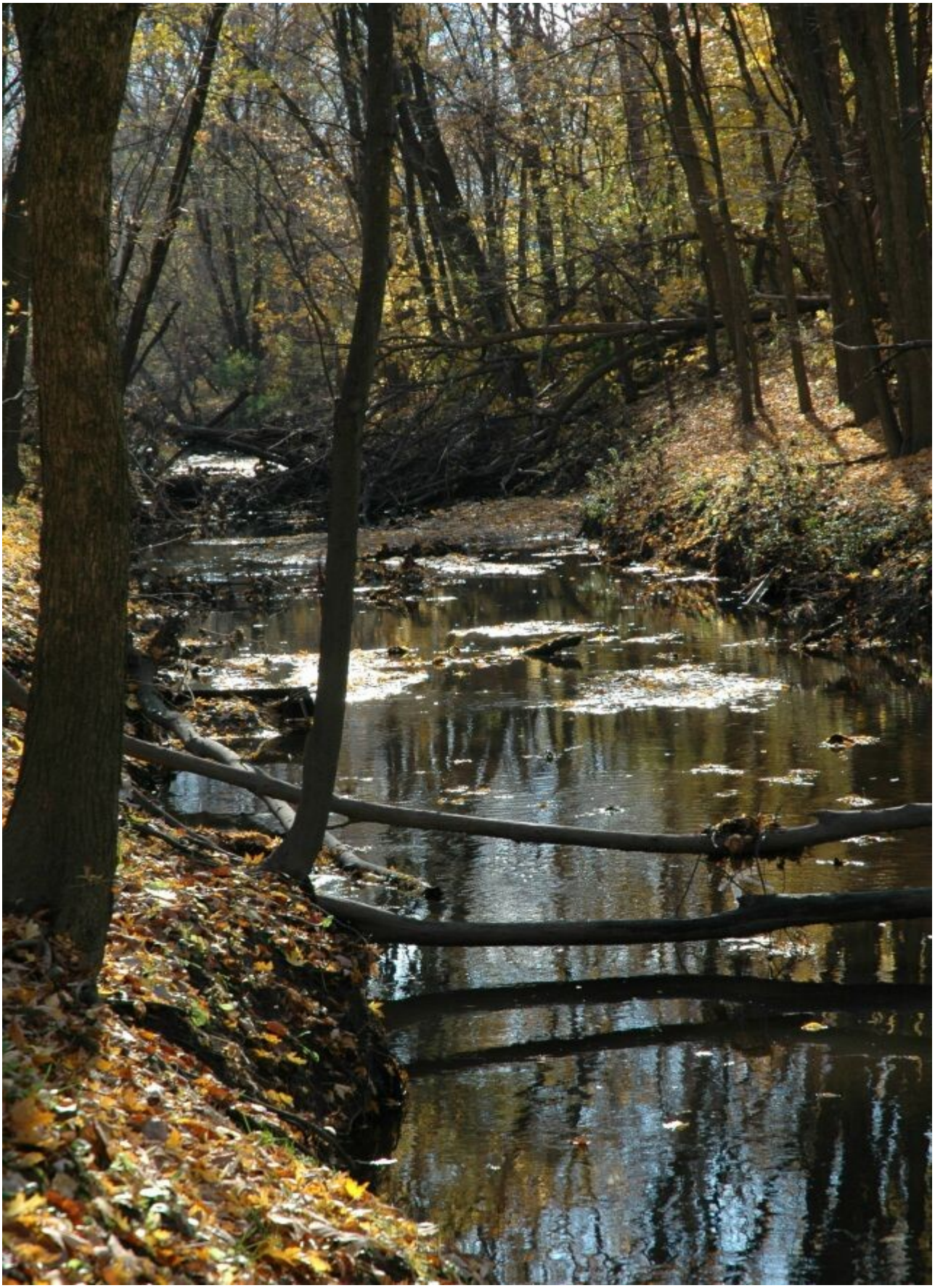

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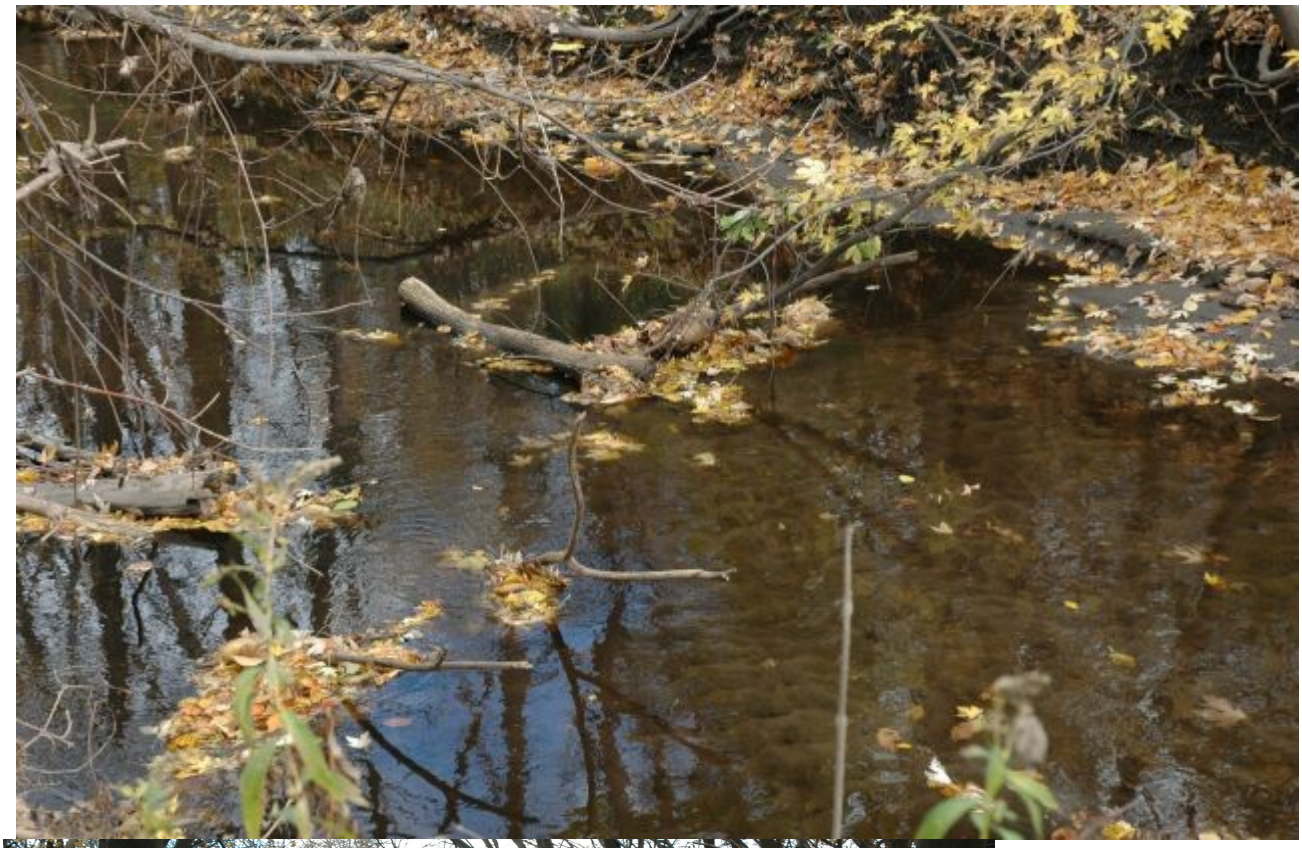

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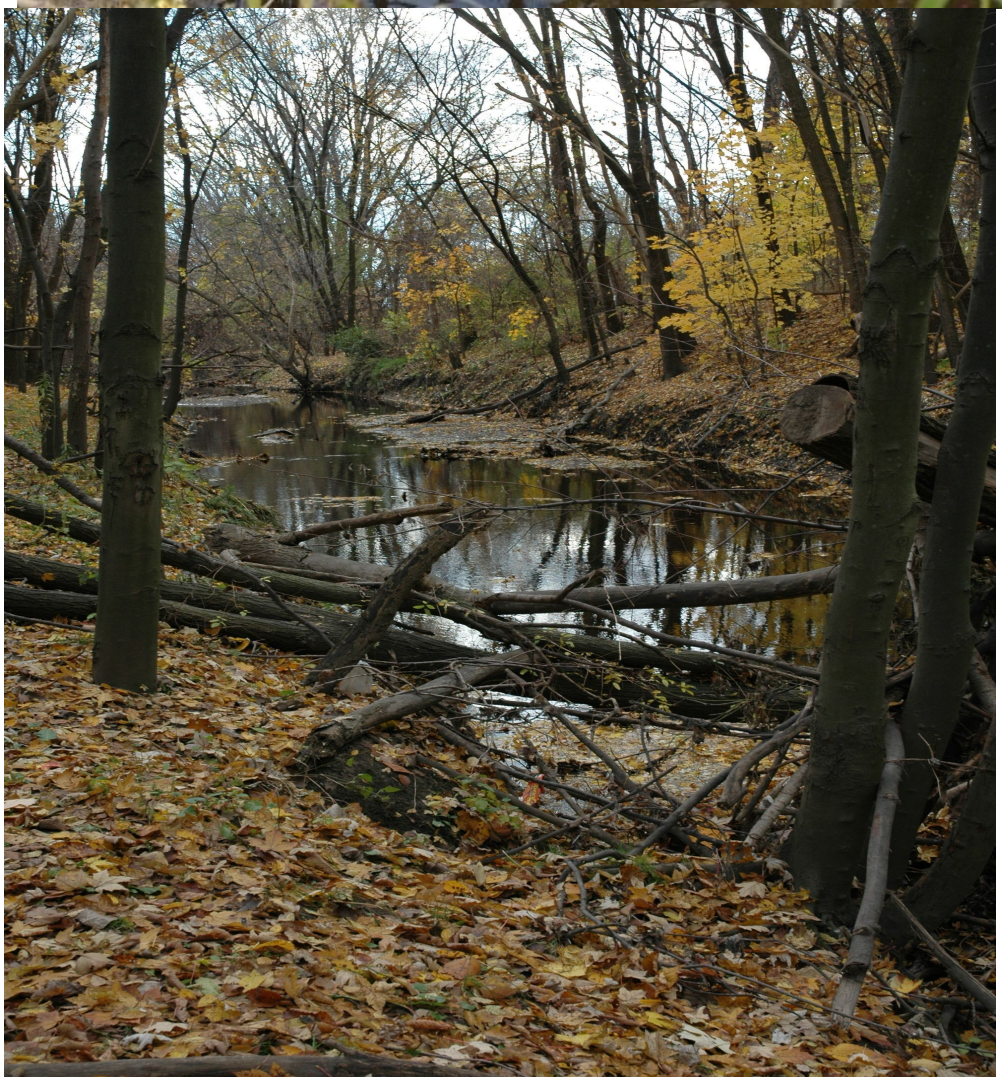

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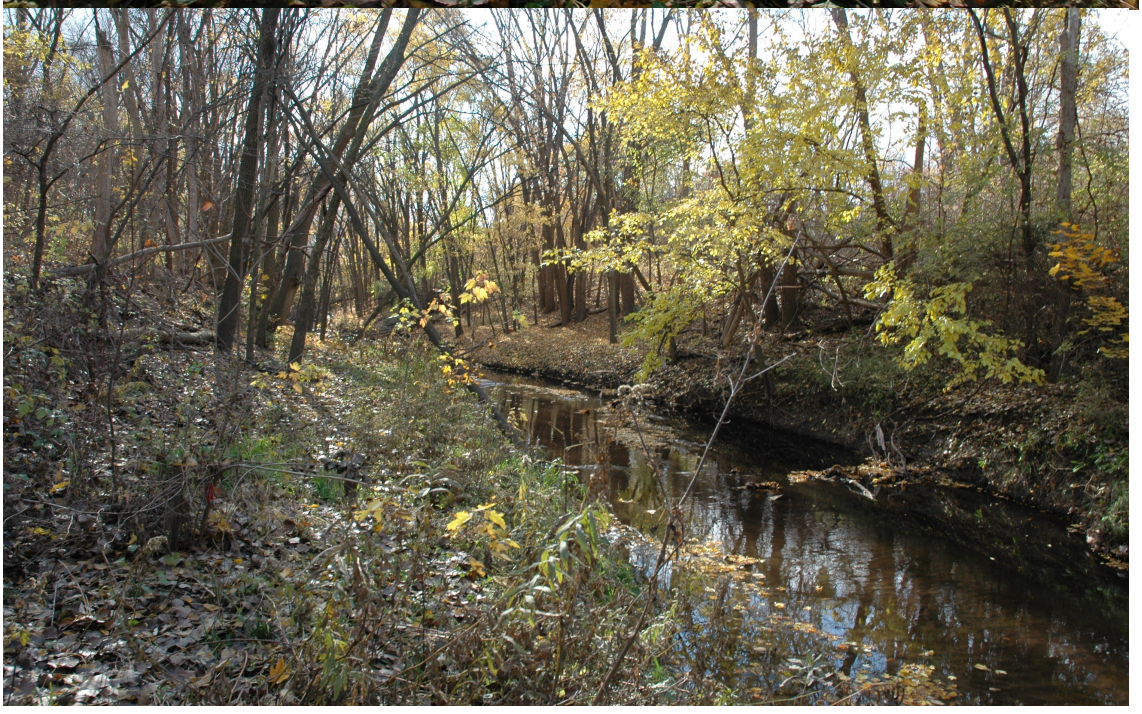

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